



Danish Emigration Records

How to Guide Level: Beginner

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GOAL

You will be able to identify non-Mormon ancestors who emigrated from Denmark between 1869 and 1904.

INTRODUCTION

Danish Emigration first began in 1619, but until 1852 it was only in very, very low numbers (60 per year from 1820-1850) and state emigration records do not begin until 1869. The LDS Scandinavian Mission, however, began making records in 1852. This how to guide will focus on both sets of records.

HOW TO

Copenhagen Emigration Records 1869-1908

This database covers all those who emigrated from Copenhagen between 1869-1908 except Mormons from 1869-1878, and 1888-1903. The database accepts % as a wild card, and cannot pick up variant spellings without wild cards.

1. Begin by going to www.ddd.dda.dk
2. Click on Andre Databaser (Other Databases)
3. Click on Udvandrede (Emigration)
4. Fill out the search forms with the information you have. Remember less is more.

Vejle Emigration 1879-1887

This database covers all those who emigrated from Vejle from 1879-1887. As with the Copenhagen database, it accepts % as a wild card, and cannot pick up variant spellings without wild cards. Remember that the vast majority of Danes left through Copenhagen and that database should be checked first.

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2. Click on Andre Databaser (Other Databases)
3. Click on Udvrandrede/Vejle (Emigration from Vejle)
4. Fill out the search forms with the information you have. Remember less is more.

PRACTICE

For this practice we will try to find the emigration record of Hans Sander who disappears from Copenhagen between 1870 and 1880. We know Hans Sander was born 1843 and had the occupation of galantierarbejder.

1. Begin by going to the Copenhagen Emigration Database
2. In the "Navn" name category type in "Sander, Hans"
3. Three results should come up. Which one is our ancestor? When did he emigrate
4. Now let's see if Hans emigrated with anyone. Click on the back arrow to go back to our search screen
5. In the "Navn" remove the name "Hans" so that we are only searching for "Sander"
6. In the "Forevisningsdato" option type in 1879 in the first box and 4 in the second. This will allow us to see if there were any other Sander's who emigrated in April of 1879
7. Remember that this database does not allow you to see the original images. Perhaps the surname Sander was misread. Go back to the search screen and replace Sander with "Sand%"

This should bring up an Ida Sandau who emigrated on the same day and had the same destination.

Now let's practice using the Vejle emigration records. We will try to find Christen Hendrik Larsen. He was

1. Begin by going to the Vejle Emigration Database
2. Remember entries are organized by last name, first name
3. In the "Navn" bar search for "Larsen, Christen Hendrik"
4. How many results came up? Remember that the database cannot pick up any spelling variants without wild cards, but that we can be generous with them.

5. Go back to the search bar and try, "La%r%rist%Hendri" this will allow variants such as "Laursen," "Lauridsen," "Christian," "Kristian," and "Hendrich" to be picked up as well.

Note that Christen's note says "rejser sammen" this means traveling together. We should look for his family.

6. Go back to the search screen and put "%%%" in the name bar. In the "Sogn" (parish) bar put Bredsten. In the "År" (year) put 1882. This will allow us to see anyone else who lived in Bredsten and emigrated on the same date. We are leaving the name bar completely free to allow for patronymics. At this time most Danes were using surnames, but we want to be cautious
7. Did any "Christensens," "Christendatters," or "Larsens" emigrate on the same day as Christen Hendrik?

ACTIVITY

Now, test your skills you have learned in this How to guide. The activity is a way to check your knowledge and let you know you've mastered the guide! [Click here to try out the activity.](#)

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